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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Medical Officer of Health

FOR THE YEAR

1953

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WORTHING RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Council Offices,
15 Mill Road,
Worthing.
April, 1954.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report for 1953.

Statistics.

The births were fewer and the deaths were more than in 1952. The Death Rate is high but the corrected figure is the same as that for England and Wales. The Cancer death rate was slightly higher than the previous year but the principal cause of death was due to diseases of the heart and circulation. The latter accounted for 200 deaths and vascular diseases of the nervous system another 80, compared with 95 for cancer.

There was a high incidence of Measles as there was throughout the country.

There were seven cases of Poliomyelitis, of which one came from another district. Of the six from the district, two died and three have varying degrees of paralysis remaining.

A good sign is the fewer number of rats found despite more inspections.

Prevention of Disease.

Nearly everyone realises that vaccination and immunisation will protect them against Smallpox and Diphtheria. Whooping Cough vaccines have greatly improved and in my opinion all children should be protected against this debilitating disease when they are about six months old.

There is no method yet of giving any permanent protection to the public against Poliomyelitis. The mode of spread is still not certain. It may be via food or close contact. Therefore, if there are many cases about it is important to take extra care about what food you eat and to avoid crowded places.

Those who contract Tuberculosis have a much greater chance of recovery today provided they are diagnosed early. All contacts of cases should take advantage of any facilities, such as Mass Miniature Radiography, for checking up on them.

It is important for the public continually to bear in mind that much illness is due to germs getting into food, often by carelessness. After entering the food, they require a certain amount of time, moisture and temperature before they multiply into dangerous numbers. Some germs are not destroyed by boiling so it is essential they must not be allowed to multiply. A refrigerator, properly used, is of far more value to a family's health than a television set.

Dogs, unless on a lead, should be kept away from streets where there are food shops. Regular visits are made to kitchens where food is prepared for communal use, in an endeavour to improve conditions and prevent infection.

Heavy smokers have been warned about their increased risk of developing lung cancer. There are no other known occupational hazards in the district likely to produce cancer.

Housing.

I am indebted to the Housing Manager for certain information in the Report. Sharing a house in any way often has ill effects on those concerned, frequently causing much mental distress. A gradual improvement in the housing situation is remedying many of these unsatisfactory housing conditions.

I should like to thank the Chief Sanitary Inspector and the rest of the staff of the Health Department for their satisfactory work during the year.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant

FRANK COCKCROFT,
Medical Officer of Health.

To the Chairman and Members of the Worthing Rural District Council.

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area (acres), 29,809.
Resident Population (1953) estimated by Registrar General, 29,980.
No. of inhabited houses end of 1953, according to Rate Books, 10,526.
Rateable value (1953), £314,713.
Sum represented by a 1d. rate, £1,272.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR

Live Births:	Total	M.	F.
Legitimate ..	314	168	146
Illegitimate ..	17	12	5
Stillbirths ..	13	7	6
Deaths	503	239	264

Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated resident population ..	11.04
Corrected Birth Rate	13. 1
Stillbirth Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births ..	37. 8
Death Rate per 1,000 estimated resident population ..	16. 8
Corrected Death Rate	11. 4

Deaths from diseases and accidents of pregnancy and childbirth, None.
Deaths of Infants under one year of age, 7.
Death Rate of Infants under one year of age:—
All Infants, per 1,000 live births, 21.1.
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate births, 19.1.
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 illegitimate births, 58.8.
Deaths from Cancer (all ages), 95.
Deaths from Diarrhœa (under 2 years of age), None.

COMPARATIVE STATISTICS, 1953

	England and Wales	*West Sussex Urban*	*West Sussex Rural*	*Worthing R.D.*
Birth Rate	15.5	11.6	14.9	11.04
Death Rate	11.4	15.6	11.8	16.8
Infantile Death Rate ..	26.8	22	22	21.1
Pulmonary Tuberculosis Death Rate	0.2	0.06	0.1	0.1
Cancer Death Rate ..	1.99	2.8	2.1	3.2
Maternal Mortality Rate per 1,000 births ..	0.76	1.5	0.9	0.0

CHAIRMAN OF PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE:

Councillor W. H. Wallis.

SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS

Medical Officer of Health:
Frank Cockcroft, M.A., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., D.P.H.
Chief Sanitary Inspector:
E. T. Oates, F.S.I.A., M.R.S.I., A.I.S.E.

Additional Sanitary Inspectors:
B. Rossiter, C.R.S.I.
D. Heathcote, M.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.
A. R. Moores, C.R.S.I.

The Medical Officer of Health is also Medical Officer of Health for the Littlehampton Urban District, and Assistant County Medical Officer.

The Additional Sanitary Inspectors each cover part of the District and the Chief Sanitary Inspector deals with important matters in the whole District, together with administration and committee work for the Council. In his absence Mr. Rossiter is his Deputy.

The Public Health Committee deals with practically all the public health matters which arise in the District.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

I. Local Health and Education Authority Services

Nursing.

General District Nurses, Midwives, Health Visitors and School Nurses are employed by the County Council to serve in the area.

Clinics and Treatment Centres.

Maternity and Child Welfare Centres.

The County Council provide Centres at Littlehampton and Arundel. These Centres are accessible to some of the residents of the rural parishes adjoining these urban areas.

The County Council also hold Centres within the district at East Preston, Findon, Lancing, Rustington and Angmering.

Free dental treatment is available for expectant and nursing mothers at the Dental Clinics.

A Birth Control Clinic is provided by the County Council at Shoreham Health Centre and a Family Planning Association operates one at the Health Centre at Bognor Regis.

Ante-Natal Clinics.

Ante-Natal Clinics are held by the County Council at Lancing and Rustington.

School Clinics.

The following Clinics held by the County Council are available for children resident in the district:—

Minor Ailments Clinics, Eye Clinics and Dental Clinics are held at Littlehampton Health Centre, Lancing Health Centre and Shoreham-by-Sea Health Centre.

Orthopædic Clinics are held at Lancing Health Centre, Littlehampton Health Centre and Chichester Health Centre.

Physiotherapy Clinics are held at Littlehampton Health Centre, Lancing Health Centre, and Shoreham-by-Sea Health Centre.

Speech Therapy Clinics are held regularly at Chichester and Bognor Regis Health Centres and as required at the Lancing, Littlehampton and Shoreham-by-Sea Health Centres.

Children suffering from enlarged tonsils and adenoids are treated at the Sussex Throat and Ear Hospital, Brighton, and at Worthing Hospital.

Chest Clinics.

Chest Clinics are held at Worthing Hospital and Southlands Hospital, Shoreham-by-Sea, which are available to all residents in the Worthing Rural District.

Venereal Diseases.

Residents may attend Clinics at Worthing Hospital, the Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton, or St. Mary's Hospital, Portsmouth.

Ambulance Service.

Acting as agent for the County Council, the St. John Ambulance Brigade and British Red Cross Society operate the Ambulance and Hospital Car Service in the County. Calls for an ambulance are made through the doctor or nurse in attendance on the case or through the Police or public in case of accidents or other emergencies.

Lists, showing names and addresses of midwives, health visitors and general nurses, may be seen at County Libraries, Town Halls, or offices of Local District Councils, and the Public Health Department, County Hall, Chichester. Information as to the situation of clinics and times of sessions may be obtained from the same sources, or from the local midwife, health visitor or general nurse.

II. Hospital and Specialist Services

A comprehensive hospital and specialist service is provided by the Regional Hospital Board. Hospital accommodation of a private nature is available in certain circumstances, subject to appropriate charges.

Mass Radiography Units are stationed at Portsmouth and Brighton where members of the public may have their chests X-rayed at regular intervals.

III. General Medical and Dental Services

Everyone is entitled as part of the arrangements for the National Health Service to general medical and dental care. Local arrangements for these services are organised through the National Health Service Executive Council for West Sussex, 63, South Street, Chichester.

IV. Home Help Service

This continued to be carried out very efficiently by the Women's Voluntary Service on behalf of the County Council.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT 1948.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE (AMENDMENT) ACT 1951

Section 47

It has not been necessary to take action under this section.

Section 50—Burial or Cremation of the Dead

It has been necessary to undertake the burial of two persons during the year under the provisions of this Section. The Council have a contract with a local Undertaker for the burial of all persons under this section.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

1. WATER SUPPLY

(*a*) Ten of the Parishes in the District have Public Mains Water Supply, the remaining seven Parishes have piped supplies to a varying extent from private sources.

The following extensions of mains have been made during the year:—

(i) By Worthing Rural District Council in the Parishes of:—

Angmering Village		1,850 feet
East Preston:	Pinewood Estate	220 feet
	Lashmar Road	280 feet
Ferring:	Glebeland	990 feet
	Somerset Road	880 feet
Findon:	Stable Lane	350 feet
Kingston Gorse		2,360 feet
Kingston:	Cross Road	720 feet
Rustington:	Brookside	300 feet

(ii) By Worthing Corporation in the Parish of Sompting:—

Hillrise Avenue Estate	(2″ diameter)	330 feet
	(3″ diameter)	240 feet
	(4″ diameter)	870 feet
Loose Lane	(4″ diameter)	99 feet

(iii) By Brighton Corporation in the Parish of Lancing:—

Alexandra Road	(3″ diameter)	51 feet
Boundary Road	(4″ diameter)	45 feet
North Farm Road	(4″ diameter)	186 feet
Manor Way	(4″ diameter)	525 feet
	(6″ diameter)	99 feet
	(9″ diameter)	12 feet

In quality the water from public sources was wholesome and laboratory reports satisfactory. Where reports on individual wells were unsatisfactory, the necessary action was taken to render the supply wholesome, or alternatively to have public mains water supply laid on.

The quantity of the public supplies is adequate for the needs of the district.

Bacteriological examinations and chemical analyses are made of all public piped supplies by the Water Undertakings concerned at regular intervals, that is to say, by Brighton Corporation, Worthing Corporation, and Littlehampton Urban District Council.

Eighty-one samples of water were sent for analysis and examination during the year—4 chemical and 77 bacteriological. These were from Public Supplies, Public Supplies owned by Private Companies, and from individual supplies at dwelling-houses. All Public Mains Supplies from Brighton, Littlehampton and Worthing Local Authorities are chlorinated. In addition, the following public supplies owned by private companies are also chlorinated:—

Fitzalan-Howard Estates Co. Ltd., Arundel, in the parishes of Houghton, Burpham, Warningcamp, Lyminster and Poling.

Rustington Sea Estate Supply Co., Ltd., Rustington.

The following table gives details of the water supply in each Parish:—

WATER SUPPLIED:—

Parish	*(a) Direct to house*	*Population*	*(b) By means of stand-pipes*	*Population*	*(c) Wells*	*Pop.*
Angmering . . .	733	2,052	0	0	6	17
Burpham	66	184	0	0	9	26
Clapham	90	251	0	0	7	20
Coombes	13	36	0	0	11	32
East Preston . .	817	2,286	0	0	29	84
Ferring	850	2,378	0	0	38	111
Findon	388	1,082	0	0	5	15
Houghton	38	106	0	0	6	17
Kingston	90	251	0	0	18	52
Lancing	4,307	12,066	0	0	11	31
Lyminster	92	257	0	0	7	20
Patching	66	184	0	0	13	38
Poling	57	159	0	0	9	26
Rustington . . .	1,351	3,783	0	0	25	73
Sompting	1,425	3,990	0	0	43	126
South Stoke . .	17	47	0	0	8	23
Warningcamp .	53	148	0	0	3	9
TOTAL:	10,453	29,260	0	0	248	720

2. DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

(*a*) Western Area

The sewerage system serving the Parishes of East Preston, Angmering, Rustington, Kingston and Ferring, discharges to the sea through storage tanks at Kingston on the ebb tide at a point 500 yards below high water mark and functioned satisfactorily throughout the year. The sewage from this area is passed through the system by means of ejectors and pumping stations, and upon reception at the Works is screened, chlorinated.

(*b*) Eastern Area

The system at Lancing has proved satisfactory throughout the year. The chlorination plant now permanently installed has resulted in no nuisance arising from the discharged sewage.

(*c*) Throughout the year work has continued on the connection of the drains of properties to the new sewers in the Parish of Sompting, and at the end of the year work at 940 properties had been completed.

(*d*) The sewerage scheme for the Parish of Findon is now in the hands of the Ministry, and their decision is awaited in the matter.

(*e*) Sewer Extensions

The following extensions have been made to existing sewers during the year:—

In the Parish of Sompting:—	
Hillrise Avenue	900 feet
In the Parish of Ferring:—	
Langbury Lane	600 feet
Ferring Lane	470 feet
Somerset Road	660 feet
Glebeland	980 feet

3. PUBLIC CLEANSING

(*a*) House Refuse

Refuse collection has been carried out weekly at all Parishes in the more populated Parishes along the coast, and in the outlying Parishes collections are made twice monthly.

The work is carried out by the use of five moveable-floor rear-loading collection vehicles and a new fore-and-aft tipping freighter of the latest design which was purchased and put into use towards the end of the year. These were supplemented by two small lorries for the removal of more bulky material, and one van for waste paper collection and salvage.

Disposal is still continued by controlled tipping at Swillage Lime Kiln, Angmering, in the western area, but the filling of this tip will be completed during 1954.

In the Eastern Area pulverisation of refuse continues and during the year there has been some success in disposing of this commodity to farmers and others.

The sale of salvage has been a considerable source of income towards the reduction of the over-all cost of the service.

(*b*) **Cesspools**

The Cesspool emptying service has operated successfully. During the year the Council decided that in future a free service should be given to all dwelling-houses and a charge of 15/- a load be made for all de-rated properties.

(*c*) **Rivers and Streams**

It has not been found necessary for any action to be taken in respect of pollution of rivers and streams in the area.

4. SCHOOLS

No. of County Schools in the District	12
No. with Public Water Supply	12
No. with water closets (separate pedestal)	11
No. with earth closets	1

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA FACTORIES ACT, 1937

1. Inspections

Premises	*Number on Register*	*Number of*		
		Inspections	*Written Notices*	*Occupiers Prosecuted*
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	39	92	15	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authorities	76	297	32	—
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	0	0	0	—
Total	115	389	47	—

2. Cases in which defects were found

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	Referred By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness ..	6	6	—	—	—
Overcrowding ..	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature ..	1	1	—	1	—
Inadequate ventilation ..	1	1	—	1	
Ineffective Drainage of floors ..	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary conveniences: (a) Insufficient..	1	1	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective ..	12	3	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes ..	1	1	—	—	—
Other offences ..	49	*58	—	—	—
Total ..	71	71	—	2	—

*Including cases outstanding from previous year.
There are 19 Outworkers in the district.

SHOPS ACT, 1950

Shops:—

No. of shops in the district	441
No. of inspections of shops	210
No. of shops where contraventions found	5
No. of shops where contraventions remedied	7
Contraventions remedied:—	
Heating provided	1
Sanitary convenience provided	1

Washing facilities provided	4
Other improvements	4
	10

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936

Workplaces and Offices:—

No. of Workplaces	129
No. of Offices	50
No. of inspections	117
No. of contraventions found	3
No. of contraventions remedied	3

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

Public Health Act, 1936. Section 269

145 visits were made to Camping Sites and 46 to individual Moveable Dwellings.

There are 7 commercial sites in the District with accommodation for 658 caravans. Each of these sites is fully provided with all the amenities normally expected, that is to say, sanitary annexe comprising baths, washbasins, water-borne sanitation, clothes washing facilities and drying areas, metalled roadways, hard standings for caravans, ample water points from the public mains supply, and in some cases, additional amenities in the form of canteens and games rooms.

In addition to the above there are 6 smaller sites providing accommodation for 17 caravans, and 32 single sites whereon there are stationed individual caravans. Thus the total number of caravan accommodation in the District is 707 in all.

ERADICATION OF BED BUGS

Where infestations are found the necessary notices are served. The work of disinfestation is usually carried out by the Council on payment of the necessary fee.

No Council house but one other house was found to be infested. It was disinfested.

SMOKE ABATEMENT

There were two different smoke nuisances during the year. At the end of the year negotiations were proceeding with a view to securing abatement.

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951

Number of premises licensed	1
Number of inspections made	0
Number of contraventions found	0

RAG FLOCK AND OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT 1951

Number of premises registered	1
Number of inspections made	0
Number of contraventions found	0

MOSQUITOES

Routine inspections of ditches and watercourses revealed no nuisances of this nature.

SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS

There is one swimming pool at Rustington Lido. During the Summer the operation of the chlorination plant and drainage from the paddling pool caused trouble. Upon request the owners rectified the difficulties.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

The Department was very active in this connection and the following is a table of the work carried out:—

No. of inspections made			1,782
No. of reinspections made			3,388
Complaints made by the public			335
Infestations found as a result of above			335
Infestations found by the Public Health Department			246
Total number of premises where nuisances found			568
Premises where nuisances remedied:—			
Rats:	Reservoir	1	
	Major	6	
	Minor	500	
Mice:	Major	0	
	Minor	35	
TOTAL			542
No. of block control operations (2 or more premises)			65
No. of joint operations reported to West Sussex Agricultural Executive Committee			0

Summary

Total number of rats found dead	885
Total number of rats estimated destroyed	1,705
Total number of mice found dead	378

HOUSING

Set out below are details of the waiting list for housing accommodation in the District, together with a summary of the Council's Housing Programme for the future.

(*a*) Total number of applicants on waiting list for houses at 31st December, 1953	772
Total number of applications received during 1953	310
Total number families re-housed during 1953	208
Number of houses at present held under requisitioning by Council at 31st December, 1953	37
Number of families re-housed therein at 31st December, 1953	36
Number of other dwellings, Army Huts, etc., requisitioned, and the number of families re-housed therein—	
Army Huts	2
Families	2

Houses under Construction at 31/12/53.

Angmering, Lloyd Goring Close	2
Sompting, Hillside Avenue Estate	36
	38

Houses not started but under contract at 31/12/53.

Ferring, Glebeland Estate	29
TOTAL	67

NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES ERECTED DURING 1953

Parish	*Total*	*Private Enterprise*	*With State Assistance under Housing Acts*	
			By Local Authority	*By other Bodies or persons*
Angmering	42	10	32	0
East Preston	18	16	2	0
Ferring	56	56	0	0
Findon	8	8	0	0
Kingston	3	3	0	0
Lancing.....	71	71	0	0
Poling	4	4	0	0
Rustington	16	16	0	0
Sompting	122	6	116	0
Total....	340	190	150	0

HOUSING STATISTICS

1. Inspection of Dwellinghouses during the year:—

(1) (a) Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	464
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ..	876
(2) (a) Number of dwellinghouses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 and 1932	211
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ..	163
(3) Number of dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	1
(4) Number of dwellinghouses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	91

2. Remedy of Defects during the year without service of Formal Notices:—

Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers 133

3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year:—

(a) *Proceedings under Sections* 9, 10 *and* 16 *of the Housing Act*, 1936.

(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Notices were served requiring repairs .. 1

(2) Number of dwellinghouses which were rendered fit after service of formal notice—

(a) By Owners 2

(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners.. 0

(b) *Proceedings under Public Health Acts:—*

(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Notices were served requiring defects to be remedied 3

(2) Number of dwellinghouses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notice—

(a) By Owners 3

(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners 0

(c) *Proceedings under Sections* 11 *and* 13 *of the Housing Act*, 1936.

(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made 0

(2) Number of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders 1

(d) *Proceedings under Section* 12 *of the Housing Act.* 1936.

(1) Number of separate tenements or underground ground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made 0

(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit 0

(e) No action has been taken under the Housing Act 1949.

OVERCROWDING

(a) (1) No of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year 7

(2) No. of families dwelling therein 9

(3) No. of persons dwelling therein 58

(b) No. of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year 3

(c) No. of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year 7

No. of persons concerned in such cases 49

(d) Particulars of any cases in which dwellinghouses

have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding 0

RURAL HOUSING

The number of building licences issued covered essential works costing £5,348 10s. 0d.

Set out below is the present state and classification of the houses included within the scope of the Rural Housing Survey as at December 31st, 1953.

PARISH	*No. of houses at or below £30 R.V.*	* *CATEGORIES:—*				
	TOTAL	1	2	3	4	5
Angmering....	589	223	122	244	57	24
Burpham	50	6	4	40	36	6
Clapham	91	53	9	29	13	5
Coombes	22	0	5	17	7	6
East Preston...	508	274	135	99	16	5
Ferring	522	156	260	106	3	37
Findon	288	3	131	154	53	12
Houghton	43	0	6	37	16	14
Kingston	21	2	5	14	5	2
Lancing	3611	1263	470	1878	48	46
Lyminster	79	4	13	62	34	17
Patching.....	70	16	19	35	24	3
Poling	53	14	7	32	21	11
Rustington ...	796	174	298	324	3	0
Sompting	1384	938	341	105	31	17
South Stoke ..	22	2	3	17	10	6
Warningcamp .	56	16	12	28	18	2
TOTAL:	8205	3144	1840	3221	395	213

*Categories:—

1. Satisfactory in all respects.
2. Minor defects.
3. Requiring repair, structural alteration or improvement.
4. Appropriate for reconditioning under the Housing (Rural Workers) Acts.
5. Unfit for habitation and beyond repair at reasonable expense.

CLEAN FOOD CAMPAIGN

(1) The number of food premises in the area is as follows:—

Dairies..	7
Bakehouses	14
Grocery and Provisions	68
Greengrocers ..	30
Fish Shops	13
Meat Shops	16
Cafes and Restaurants	47
Hotel Kitchens ..	33

Confectioners	34	
Ice Cream Premises ..	90	(actually selling Ice Cream)
Public Houses ..	28	
TOTAL	380	

(2) (*a*) The number of food premises registered under Section 14 of the Food & Drugs Act is as follows:—

Sale of Sausages, cooked meats, etc.	18	
Sale of meat pies, cooked ham ..	4	
Preparation of preserved food for sale	1	
Preparation of sandwiches and snacks, teas and light refreshments for sale	5	
Preparation of cooked foods and fried fish for sale	5	
Preparation of food for sale ..	7	
Delicatessen shop	1	
Sale of Ice Cream	116	(not all selling)
TOTAL	157	

(2) (*b*) The number of Dairies registered under the Milk & Dairies Regulations, 1949, is as follows: 10

(3) The number of inspections of registered food premises is not kept separately; the number of inspections carried out at food premises is as follows:—

Slaughterhouses	8
Meat shops	440
Fish Shops	214
Ice Cream premises	200
Restaurants	392
Hotel Kitchens	80
Other food premises	406
Cowsheds	6
Dairies and milkshops	6
Bakehouses	67
TOTAL	1819

As a result of these inspections 108 contraventions of varying nature were found, and 137, including some from the previous year, were remedied.

(4) No new educational activity was introduced during the year since the survey of food premises throughout the District is continuous, and it is felt by this constant and regular visiting of food premises, together with the co-operation of the Proprietors, that satisfactory results are obtained.

(5) The method of disposal of condemned food—so far as meat is concerned, where it is imported it is returned to the Ministry of Food Depot in Worthing; where home-killed, to the Ministry of Food Slaughterhouse in Worthing. Tinned foods are in some instances returned to the Supplier for investigation as to the cause of unsoundness, in other instances the tins are disposed of to the Cleansing Service. Perishable foods found to be unsound are removed and destroyed.

(6) It has not been necessary to carry out any special examination of specific stocks or consignments of food.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

MILK SUPPLY

Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949

Number of Milk Distributors registered	9
Number of Premises registered as Dairies	10
Number of Milk Dealers licensed to sell "Tuberculin Tested" milk	6
Number of premises licensed for the retail of "Tuberculin Tested" milk	8
Number of "Supplementary" Licences to retail "Tuberculin Tested" milk within the District ..	4
Number of Milk Dealers licensed to retail "Pasteurised" milk	10
Number of premises licensed for the retail of "Pasteurised" milk	12
Number of "Supplementary" licences to retail "Pasteurised" milk within the District	4
Number of Milk Dealers licensed to retail "Sterilised" milk	21
Number of "Supplementary" licences to retail "Sterilised" milk within the District	1
Number of inspections made:—	
(1) Cowsheds	6
(2) Milkshops and Dairies	6
(3) Vehicles	0
Number of contraventions of the Regulations found ..	0

Report on Samples of Milk taken during the year

	No. taken by other Local Authorities	*Animal Satisfactory*	*Inoculation Test Unsatisfactory*
Attested	2	2	0
Tuberculin Tested	28	28	0
Accredited ..	16	16	0
Ordinary.. ..	5	5	0
Total ..	51	51	0

Of 46 samples submitted to the Brucel.a Ring Test, 22 were positive.

Brucella abortus was isolated in one case. The Veterinary Officer of the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries is informed when infection is found and he takes what action is necessary to eradicate the infection.

ICE CREAM

The control of the sale and manufacture of Ice Cream under the Ice Cream (Heat Treatment) Regulations 1947, again proved generally satisfactory.

No. of premises registered for manufacture	1
No. of premises registered for manufacture and sale ..	17
No. of premises registered for retail only	99
No. of inspections of premises where Ice Cream sold ..	200
No. of samples taken	138

Of the 138 samples taken:—26 were Grade 1; 93 were Grade 2; 17 were Grade 3; 2 were Grade 4.

MEAT

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

There is no Ministry of Health slaughterhouse in the District, and no carcases have been inspected.

Continued inspections of deliveries of meat to shops were carried out. The total weight of meat found to be unfit for human consumption was as follows:—

Affected with Tuberculosis: Nil.

Affected with other diseases: 2 cwt. 1 qtr. 2 lbs. 14 ozs.

Slaughterhouses and Meat Shops

No. of Slaughterhouses in the district	3
No. of Slaughterhouses licensed	3
No. of Inspections at Slaughterhouses	8
No. of Meat Shops in the district	16
No. of Inspections at Meat Shops	439
No. of Vehicles inspected	1
No. of Notices served for contravention of Byelaws ..	12
No. of Notices compiled with	11

KNACKER'S YARD

The one Knacker's Yard in the district has been operated satisfactorily throughout the year.

BAKEHOUSES

All Bakehouses in the District have been inspected at least twice, and all were very clean and satisfactory.

No. of Bakehouses in District	14
No. underground	0
No. of inspections	67
No. of vehicles inspected	0
No. of Notices served for sanitary defects	3
No. of Notices complied with	5

OTHER FOODS

Foods diseased, unsound, etc., other than under Meat Regulations:—

No. of parcels of food surrendered	26
No. of seizures	1
No. of summonses issued	0

The total weight of food surrendered was:—

	lbs.	ozs.
Fish	190	14
Tinned meat	123	0
Miscellaneous tinned and bottled foods	174	12
Miscellaneous Foods	67	8
Total	556	2

SHELL FISH

There are no shell fish beds or layings in the district.

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS AND VISITS MADE DURING THE YEAR

Houses under Housing Act	211
Housing Act re-inspections	163
Houses inspected for overcrowding	365
Houses under Public Health Acts for defects	253
Public Health Act re-inspections	713
Premises under Public Health Acts for nuisances	590
Animals premises	45
Cinemas	1
Complaints investigated	194
Water tests applied to drains at reconstruction or connection to sewer	46
Smoke tests applied to drains at reconstruction or connection to sewer	0
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act	5,170
Number of Camping Sites inspected	145
Number of Moveable Dwellings inspected	46
Visits to obtain samples of water	81
Visits for interview with Owner, Agents, etc.	597
Refuse Tips and Public Cleansing	793
Smoke Abatement	3
Miscellaneous visits	1,146
Infectious Diseases	125
Rooms disinfected	52
Slaughterhouses	8
Meat Shops, Stalls and Vehicles	440
Fish Shops	214
Ice Cream Premises	200
Restaurants	392
Hotel Kitchens	80
Other Food Premises	406
Cowsheds	6
Dairies and Milkshops	6

Bakehouses	67
Factories where Mechanical Power is used	297
Factories where Mechanical Power is not used	92
Workplaces and Offices	117
Shops Act	210
Petroleum Acts	99
Total number of inspections made	13,373

SUMMARY OF NOTICES SERVED AS A RESULT OF CONDITIONS FOUND AT THE ABOVE INSPECTIONS

	Notices served	*Notices complied with*
(*a*) **Statutory**		
1. Demolition Orders (Form 5) made under Section 11 of the Housing Act, 1936	0	1
2. Under Section 9 of the Housing Act, 1936	1	1
3. Under Section 59 (5) of the Housing Act, 1936 (Overcrowding)	0	1
4. Under Section 39 of the Public Health Act, 1936 (Drains)	2	2
5. Under Section 75 of the Public Health Act, 1936 (Dustbins)	10	10
6. Under Section 30 of the Water Act, 1945	1	1
(*b*) **Preliminary**		
1. To execute works under the Housing Acts	6	19
2. To abate overcrowding	3	7
3. To execute works under Public Health Acts	85	114
4. To abate nuisances	151	180
5. To remedy contraventions of Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949	588	542
6. To abate contraventions at Moveable Dwellings	3	0
7. To abate contraventions at Camping Sites	0	1
8. To abate contraventions at Food Premises	93	121
9. To remedy contraventions at Bakehouses	3	5
10. To abate contraventions of Factories Act	47	34
11. To abate contraventions at Workshops and Offices	3	3
12. To abate contraventions of Shops Acts	5	7
13. To abate contraventions of Petroleum Acts	9	22
14. To abate contraventions at Animal's Premises	9	4

SUMMARY OF SANITARY WORKS AND IMPROVEMENTS CARRIED OUT

Houses demolished	1
Houses redrained to Council's sewer	52
Cesspools abolished	31
Houses redrained defective	6
Houses where drains repaired	10
Intercepting traps provided	19
Ventilation shafts fixed and repaired	16
Inspection chambers constructed	71
Inspection chambers repaired	20
Obstructions removed from drains	16
Cesspools emptied and cleansed after Notice	29
Chemical closets provided	2
Additional W.C's constructed	27
Defective W.C. pans and traps renewed or repaired	5
W.C's provided with flushing cisterns and water supply	8
Flushing cisterns repaired or renewed	4
Houses provided with new cesspools	3
Sewage installations provided	3
Privies abolished	2
Earth closets abolished	7
Rainwater pipes disconnected from drains	3
Waste water closets replaced by washdowns	1
Cesspools repaired	1
Houses provided with mains water supply	13
Additional water taps provided	16
Houses provided with sinks	16
Defective sinks renewed or repaired	7
Defective sink waste pipes renewed	18
Rooms stripped, cleansed and redecorated	165
Ceilings stripped, cleansed and redecorated	139
Windows repaired	52
Windows provided or enlarged	25
New sachcords fixed	19
Fasteners and stays provided to windows	25
Rooms where wall plaster repaired	125
External walls repaired	17
Floors repaired or renewed	41
Coppers repaired or renewed	1
Stoves and fireplaces repaired or renewed	26
Chimney stacks repaired or renewed	13
Rooms where dampness remedied	11
Rooms ventilated	12
Accumulations of refuse removed	7
Paving to yards repaired or renewed	20
Roofs repaired	13

Rainwater pipes and eaves gutters repaired or renewed ..	29
Verminous premises disinfested	11
Refuse receptacles provided	55
Food stores provided	13
Handrails provided	8
Theatre lighting provided	16
Bathrooms provided	16
Fuel Stores provided	18
Hot water services provided	19
Miscellaneous	77
TOTAL	1,380

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Notifiable Diseases

	Under 1 year	1—2	3—4	5—9	10—14	15—24	25 and over	Total
Scarlet Fever ..	–	3	10	34	7	1	1	56
Whooping Cough	6	9	15	18	1	–	1	50
Ac. Polio-myelitis:								
Paralytic	–	–	2	1	2	1	1	7
Non-Paralytic	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Measles	9	84	150	267	35	36	13	594
Diphtheria	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–

	Under 5 years	5—14	15—44	45—64	65 and over	Total
Pneumonia	3	1	–	2	–	6
Dysentery	5	4	1	–	–	10
Smallpox	–	–	–	–	–	–
Ac. Encephalitis	–	–	–	–	–	–
Typhoid Fever	–	–	–	–	–	–
Paratyphoid Fever	–	–	1	–	1	2
Erysipelas	–	–	–	–	2	2
Meningococcal Infection ..	–	–	–	–	–	–
Food Poisoning	–	–	–	–	–	–
Puerperal Pyrexia	–	–	16	–	–	16
Ophthalmia Neonatorum ..	–	–	–	–	–	–

	Total cases notified	*Cases admitted to Hospital*	*Total Deaths*
Scarlet Fever	56	40	—
Whooping Cough ..	50	3	—
Measles	594	11	1
Pneumonia	6	0	—
Dysentery	10	0	—
Erysipelas	2	1	—
Ac. Poliomyelitis ..	7	7	2
Paratyphoid	2	2	—
Puerperal Pyxexia ..	16	*16	—

* All cases notified from Zachary Merton Hospital. Only one case was a resident of Worthing Rural District.

Diphtheria Immunisation

Diphtheria Immunisation has again been carried out during the year by the County Council. At the end of the year the total estimated number of children immunised under 5 years of age was 627, and between 5 and 14 years of age 3,396.

During the year 290 children received a third reinforcing dose.

No case of Diphtheria was notified during the year.

The yearly notifications of Diphtheria since the inauguration of the Rural District in 1933 are shown below:—

Year	*Notifications*	*Year*	*Notifications*
1933	12	1943	0
1934	43	1944	2
1935	28	1945	1
1936	4	1946	3
1937	17	1947	0
1938	16	1948	1
1939	24	1949	6
1940	4	1950	0
1941	6	1951	0
1942	0	1952	0
		1953	0

Laboratory Facilities

The Public Health Laboratory at Brighton is in full use for the examination of bacteriological specimens. The Worthing Hospital is also available for examination of bacteriological and pathological specimens.

TUBERCULOSIS
New Cases and Mortality

Age Periods	New cases				Deaths			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
1	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–
5	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
10	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
15	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–
20	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
25	–	1	–	1	–	–	–	–
35	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
45	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
55	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–
65 and upwards	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Totals	5	4	–	1	–	–	–	–

No person died who had not been notified during life.

PUBLIC HEALTH (Prevention of Tuberculosis) REGULATIONS 1925

It has not been necessary to serve any notice under these Regulations which prevent persons suffering from Tuberculosis taking part in the production of milk.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936, Section 172

No action has had to be taken by the Council under this Section, which gives power to Sanitary Authorities to apply in special cases for a Magistrate's Order for the removal of Tuberculous persons to an Institution for isolation.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE

The following figures have been provided by the County Medical Officer showing the attendances at the Maternity and Child Welfare Clinics.

	ANTE NATAL		*POST NATAL*	
	No. of women attending	*Total attendances*	*No. of women attending*	*Total attendances*
Lancing ..	113	501	6	6
Rustington ..	50	61	13	14

CHILD WELFARE	*No. of children attending*	*Total attendances*
Angmering	64	454
East Preston	133	1,259
Findon	59	324
Lancing	441	3,916
Rustington	122	1,056